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SOURCE: US national; ex-non commissioned officer in the US Marine Corps.

Source is a 23 year old former Marine who spent the period from February 1959 through July 1960 serving in the Cuban Army and the Cuban Air Force. He obtained his discharge from the Cuban Air Force in June 1960 and returned to the US via Mexico City on 30 Aug 60. During the 1960 portion of his stay in Cuba he became associated with members of the Frente Revolucionaria Sandino, a Nicaraguan revolutionary movement led by Harold and Alejandro Martinez. Since his return to the US, he has remained in active contact with numerous persons sympathetic to revolutionary movements in Nicaragua and elsewhere in Central America.

1. During the last several months [October 1960-January 1961] I have been working on arrangements to set up an operation in Honduras aimed at the capture of jungle animals for export to the US. My part in the operation would involve establishing and operating an animal compound in Honduras to keep the captured animals prior to shipping them North. I also would be involved in working with the crews engaged in the actual capture of the animals. This operation would provide some income to me and also possibly to the Frente Revolucionaria Sandino [FRS] movement. It also would provide excellent cover for getting together and training a small group of FRS Nicaraguans in guerrilla activities. These men would spend most of their time in the jungles of Honduras capturing animals, but at the same time they would be training to work together, getting in good physical condition and learning some guerrilla tactics.
2. When I inquired of one of my associates as to who might be a good person to contact here in Los Angeles to gain background information on persons in contact in Honduras, he suggested that I get together with Dr Arnoldo Rodriguez (MD), the ex-Consul General of Honduras in this city. I met Dr Rodriguez at his combination home/office, located at 132 North Soto Street, Los Angeles, California. He provided many helpful comments on the environment I would face in Honduras, and he also asked jokingly if we were going to start a revolution down there. He went on to say that he was not pleased with the Government of President Villeda Morales and that he was actively linked to various individuals in Honduras who were in opposition to the President.
3. Dr Rodriguez specifically recommended that I contact either Dr Jose H Duron or Dr Ramon Larios, both of the Edificio Banco Atlantica in Tegucigalpa. He stated that both of these men were opposed to President Villeda and in sympathy with him (Dr Rodriguez). The ex-Consul General also requested that if I were able to contact one Manuel Bejerano in Honduras it should

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be indicated to Bejerano that support (apparently both money and equipment) is available to him in Southern California (presumably through Dr Rodriguez) and also inside Honduras. Dr Rodriguez commented that Bejerano was of only mediocre intelligence and had not been able to consolidate his efforts against the Government of Honduras into an organized, popular movement, but that with guidance and support his popularity among the people could be capitalized upon and a powerful movement formed. I had previously heard from Nicaraguan sources that Bejerano was a Honduran bandit who had been opposing Honduran Governments for a number of years, and that he indeed was considered something of a hero by the local populace of Honduras.

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